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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :

OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action

JENNIFER NASH, APN, RN APN# 26NJ00118500

RN # 26NO11696300

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which reveals that the ability of Jennifer Nash, APN, RN ("Respondent") to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety is impaired.

In June 2014, Respondent enrolled in the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP). The Board received information that after her RAMP enrollment, in October 2014, Respondent engaged in prescription fraud on multiple occasions (writing a CDS prescription for a patient on a stolen prescription pad, pretending to be that patient, and obtaining the CDS for her own use).

On January 16, 2015, Respondent was arrested by members of the Westwood Police Department and charged with two counts of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4A (Falsifying Records) and two counts of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10.5(d) (Attempt to Obtain Prescription Legend Drug by Forgery/Deception).

On March 3, 2015, Respondent was arrested by members of the Paramus Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A.

2C:21-2.1(c) (Knowingly Exhibit Document of Forgery); N.J.S.A.

2C:21-1(a)(2) (Forgery); N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3(a) (Theft of Movable Property); and N.J.S.A. 2C:21-17(a)(1) (Wrongful Impersonation).

Both arrests stemmed from Respondent's prescription fraud.

On August 28, 2015, both matters were dismissed in Bergen County

Superior Court after Respondent indicated that she had a lifethreatening illness.

The Board finds that Respondent engaged in the use or employment of fraud and deception within the intendment of $\frac{\text{N.J.S.A.}}{\text{45:1-21(b)}}$. Additionally, the Board finds that pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 (e) and (f), evaluation, testing, and monitoring are required to ascertain whether Respondent's continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public and treatment is necessary to properly discharge nursing functions.

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, Respondent waiving any right to a hearing, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS DAY OF WWW., 2016, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's RN license and APN certification are hereby suspended for a minimum of two years, with a minimum of one year to be served as an active suspension, and a minimum of one year to be stayed and served as a period of probation.
- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as an Advanced Practice Nurse and a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

- 3. Respondent shall petition the Board for an Order terminating the active suspension, reinstating Respondent's license, and commencing the period of stayed suspension. The burden shall be on Respondent to successfully demonstrate fitness and competency to practice nursing. Respondent's license shall remain suspended until reinstated by Board Order.
- 4. The Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement unless and until Respondent has resumed participation with RAMP and gained the support of RAMP for her reinstatement. Respondent shall appear before the Board prior to reinstatement, if so requested by the Board.
- 5. Upon reinstatement, Respondent will be placed on probation for a minimum of one year and until Respondent petitions for and obtains a Board Order terminating the period of probation. The Board reserves the right to impose limitations or conditions under which any return to practice should take place.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy,

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Jenn fer Nash, APN, RN

APN# 26NJ00118500 RN #26N011696300

Consent as to form and entry.

David J. Alt/eri, Esq.

Attorney for Jennifer Nash, APN, RN